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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## THREE DEATHS AND A TWENTY NEW CASES

In the Report of Fever Situation in New Orleans.

### QUARANTINE INJURING BUSINESS

Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, Orders a Strict Quarantine of All Towns in His State Against New Orleans--Only Slight Spread of Fever.

New Orleans, July 31.—Official report of the city board of health to the state board of 20 new cases and three deaths, making a total of 227 cases and 47 deaths to date, indicate a very slight spread of the yellow fever here and to show all cases traceable to the original infection. Eighteen of the new cases are Italians, one an American, one a Frenchman and one German. All but five are below Canal street, and most of them in the French market section. One of those above Canal is the engineer of the steamship Cregan, a case reported from Central America; three others are Italians who came out of the lower district and the fifth is a young lawyer whose infection is doubtless traceable to the fact that his daily duties carried him to the civil district court. The court is located next to the historic Cabildo, within a stone's throw of the French market. Two of the three reported deaths are of Italians. There is still no report of New cases from outlying infection.

The most disquieting news in the yellow fever situation today is the evidence that panic is increasing in the smaller towns of Louisiana and Mississippi, and that a disposition is growing to revive the disastrous commercial quarantines of 1897, when some of the country towns even refused to receive ice or hardware from New Orleans. Columbia, La., bars all kinds of merchandise except hardware. Utica, Miss., will not receive freight of any kind. Osyka, Miss., will take no fruit or vegetables. Jackson, La., wants no household articles from New Orleans. Several towns in Tennessee and others along the Mississippi Valley road in Mississippi refuse to allow express matter of any kind to be put off; Port Gibson, will not take bread nor anything wrapped in burlap that they be shipped from this city. Some of the Texas towns are asking that the mails be fumigated.

### Quarantine Hurts Business.

If the movement to quarantine against the spread of New Orleans will suffer much more seriously than from the fever itself.

Up to the present there has been no local apprehension of a dangerous epidemic and it was believed that if the boards of health in other states lived up rigidly to their agreement not to place any restrictions upon the transportation of freight there would be only a slight reduction of business and the chief inconvenience would be in the ability of country people to come here and of New Orleans people to go into other southern towns and cities.

Anticipating quarantines, most of the business houses with the discovery of the fever, wired their drummers not to come to town but to remain in their territory so that they might travel freely and send in their orders as usual during the prevalence of the sickness, but if there is an embargo put on freight now, New Orleans drummers will find their usefulness at an end and New Orleans' natural business will be diverted to other points.

The depopulation of the Mississippi Gulf coast towns of summer visitors from New Orleans continues owing to Governor Vardaman's determination that these towns shall have no commercial relations with New Orleans. The governor said that he would not budge another position if every man, woman and child on the coast personal and property life, an epidemic, I saw a change on the coast would be on giving up the coast would be on the half of the depreciation of the coast. It will be on the coast.

zens of these towns to be bottled up and eat mullet and crabs, and escape the yellow fever, than to get all the revenue they can out of the refugees and have one case of yellow fever among them.

### Much Sympathy for Memphis.

Much sympathy is felt here for the City of Memphis, which has been compelled to quarantine New Orleans against her will. On the first report of the fever that city sent a representative here who put himself in close touch with the situation and saw no necessity for quarantine, and the health authorities would doubtless have kept their promise not to bar New Orleans refugees if the imposition of quarantines by other cities against Memphis had not forced them to act in self-defense.

Some inconvenience has been felt by the Chattanooga quarantine. Many well-to-do people here were sending their families to Lookout for the rest of the season, but the putting up of the bars at Chattanooga will divert New Orleans travel from that point.

The board of health repeated today its announcement that the destruction of bedding and household property has no place in its campaign, and that no such waste of property will be attempted. In former epidemics here millions of dollars' worth of household property was destroyed in the effort to exterminate the supposed germ of yellow fever.

### Quarantine Rigidly Enforced.

Jackson, Miss., July 31.—Governor Vardaman has returned from the Gulf Coast country where he went for conference with marine hospital service men, and reports all quarantine matters in good shape. He was besieged to let the coast have communication with New Orleans, but turned a deaf ear to all entreaties. The governor appointed Adjutant General Fridge to look after land matters and gave him a dozen men to assist him. In the event these are not enough to keep quarantine machinery in good order, General Fridge is to have more. He also states that he has arranged bars to keep all mosquitoes from infected districts. Surgeon Wasdin report that there is not a suspicious case in Bay St. Louis.

### No Fever at Gulfport.

Mobile, Ala., July 31.—Special from Gulfport, Miss., says:

Yesterday a doctor said he had a case of yellow fever and the authorities went to him and brought him down and he acknowledged he lied and they made him sign a statement that he lied.

An ordinance was passed here yesterday to this effect:

"Any person making statements about yellow fever in Gulfport that is proven untrue, will be fined from \$50 to \$100."

The citizens of Gulfport have offered money to protect the coast.

Dr. Wasdin and Dr. Donald, of the United States marine service, are here and state that under present conditions there is no chance for yellow fever to get on the coast. They went to Lumberton yesterday and pronounced a case out in the woods about a mile from Lumberton yellow fever, and have surrounded the house with soldiers to prevent the disease from spreading.

The revenue cutter Winona has been ordered to Gulfport, and Captain T. J. Jones sent his launch, Grace Dunbar, to protect this port.

### Fever on Board Steamer.

New York, July 31.—Seventeen persons were removed from the steamer Segurana and transferred to the detention hospital for observation when the steamer arrived from Colon today. Two of these were first class and five second class cabin passengers and ten were members of the steamer's crew.

Eight of the crew had been ill during the entire passage of the steamer, but six of them were reported to be convalescent when the Segurana arrived today.

Four members of the crew suffering from yellow fever were removed from the steamer just prior to her departure from Colon.

## WIFE MURDERER IS GIVEN A REPRIEVE

New Lease On Life Is Granted Johann Hoch.

### IS RESPITED UNTIL SEPTEMBER

All Was Ready for Execution When a Woman, Whose Name Is Withheld, Guaranteed the Money to Carry the Case to Supreme Court.

Chicago, July 29.—Hoch has been reprieved until the middle of September.

A woman with money effectually intervened today between "Bluebeard" Johann Hoch and the hangman. Almost on the steps of the gallows the combination of femininity and finance that has been potent throughout the remarkable career of the multi-bagmist and wife-murderer secured a respite of two hours longer. After all arrangements were completed and death faced Hoch within two hours, a woman went to the rescue. So earnest did she appeal in an offer to furnish money



JOHANN HOCH.

necessary to allow Hoch to appeal his case, that there was a hurried consultation between officials. The upshot was that the execution planned to take place at noon was postponed until 2 p. m., the last minute allowed by law unless the governor should grant a further respite.

The woman is said to be wealthy and professed to have become interested in the case from humanitarian motives only. She enlisted in her aid Dr. Liston H. Montgomery, one of the most prominent physicians in the city. Dr. Montgomery acted as her intermediary in the negotiations. At 2 a. m. Jailer Whitman was aroused from his sleep to answer a telephone call.

Some person, who refused to give his name at the time, announced that he would appear at the jail at 10 a. m., prepared to furnish money, the lack of which it had been alleged prevented Hoch from completing the records required by the Illinois supreme court in case of an appeal. The records cost \$1,100. Hoch had \$100, and a conditional promise of \$400 additional. The name was given as Jailer Whitman attached little importance to the notification.

Today at the hour named Dr. Montgomery with Mrs. Wilson appeared at the jail. Their talk with Whitman convinced him they were in earnest, and steps were at once taken for a new appeal to the governor.

Dr. Montgomery said:

"This lady, whose name is, far as I am concerned, must ever remain a secret, is actuated solely from humanitarian motives. It is the same cause which determined me to assist her. I became interested in the case from the standpoint long ago. I went over the testimony thoroughly. The deduction made by experts seemed absurd."

After Dr. Montgomery and Mrs. Wilson left the jail State's Attorney Healy talked over the telephone with Governor Darden, who is at Springfield and who was made acquainted with the latest phase of the situation.

The governor told the state's attorney to ascertain whether the offer was bona fide and instructed Sheriff Dar-

rett to delay the execution until 1:50 o'clock p. m.

### HAND BOOK RESORTS RAIDED.

Chicago Police Interrupt Poker Games and 84 Prisoners Taken.

Chicago, July 29.—Spectacular raiding of hand book resorts in which 84 men were taken prisoners in four hours' work marked John M. Collins' second day's work as general superintendent of the Chicago Police department. Then at night came descents on ten poker games.

Following out his startling action of Wednesday evening, when he interrupted several time-honored poker games, the new chief yesterday removed the assistant chief, Schuetzler from the command of the raiding detail and took personal charge himself, announcing that he would hold his inspectors responsible for whatever gambling was discovered in their districts.

Armed with search warrants and sledges, the "gambling detail" continued at night the destructive raids which had terrorized the gambling fraternity during the preceding 24 hours. A score of warrants, to which the signatures of two police magistrates were appended, were given to the raiders, and descends on ten "clubs" were made before midnight. The paraphernalia or that part of it left intact after the onslaught of the raiders, was confiscated.

### CANCELLED REVENUE STAMPS

Were Found on Big Shipment of "Stogies"—Arrests to Follow.

New York, July 29.—Arrests are anticipated here within a short time as the result of a seizure of cheap stogies reported from St. Louis.

The consignment taken by government agents numbered 48,000 and bore internal revenue stamps which are alleged to have been used once and from which the cancellation marks had been washed with acid. An investigation has been in progress several months among the manufacturers in Hester and Mulberry streets and Internal Revenue Collector Anderson, a negro recently appointed for the southern district of New York, was much concerned yesterday over a charge that the illegal shipments may have been made possible by collusion with one or more of his deputies. He was unwilling to believe such a charge well founded.

By one of the revenue agents who has charge of the secret service end of the case, it is stated that the present investigation involves three manufacturers.

### Another Scandal in Washington.

Washington, July 29.—George T. Moore, physiologist and alumnus of the department of agriculture today tendered his resignation to Secretary Wilson and it has been accepted. This action is the culmination of a hearing at the department yesterday at which it was alleged by two representatives of the agricultural publication that Moore's wife held stock in a company manufacturing culture for soil inoculation while Moore, who had charge of the preparation and revision of bulletins regarding the enrichment of farms directed farmers to the concern in question for their supplies of the culture.

### Child Is Burned to Death.

Huntsville, Ala., July 29.—The 15 months-old son of George Cantrell, of Hazle Green, met death by burning Thursday. The mother of the child left her two little ones at play in her room and went to the field where her husband was working. Returning in a few minutes, she found that the elder child had struck a match and touched it to a curtain with which the younger boy was playing and the blaze had incinerated the child. He was dead before medical aid reached him.

### Large Donation to Charity.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 29.—Bishop Conaty of this diocese of the Roman Catholic church, confirmed today the report that he had received the personal check of a Los Angeles man for \$225,000 as a donation to the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, work on the construction of which is about to begin. Bishop Conaty declined to make known the name of the benefactor.

## COTTON SEED OIL MILLS TO COMBINE

Will Control the South's Output of This Product.

### IS CAPITALIZED FOR \$10,000,000

Organization Will Include the Southern and American Cotton Oil Companies and the Kentucky Refining Company.

Louisville, Ky., July 29.—A combination of the cotton seed oil companies of the south is in process of consummation. The combination is headed by the Kentucky Refining company, and includes the Southern Cotton Oil company and the American Oil company. The new company will be known as the Kentucky Refining company. This company filed an amendment to its charter increasing its maximum business from \$200,000 to \$5,000,000, and giving it the right to hold securities in other companies. Its corporate existence was also changed to 25 years. This amendment was made to permit of the holding of the companies of the companies it is proposed to merge. Later the maximum indebtedness will be raised to \$10,000,000 or more.

According to President Ferguson of the Kentucky company, the headquarters of the company will be in Louisville, and this city will continue to be the center of the refining plants of the company. Crude oil mills will be conducted as now in the various large cotton centers in the south.

The combine is an economical move, the Southern and American being manufacturers of crude oil and the Kentucky being a refining company.

### ELDER RAWLINGS FACES JURY.

Alf Moore, Negro Is Found Guilty of Murder.

Valdosta, Ga., July 29.—After the conviction of Alf Moore, alleged negro accomplice in the slaughter of the Carter children, J. G. Rawlings, father of the three boys previously convicted, was placed on trial Thursday afternoon.

The elder Rawlings claimed to be ill and reclined on a couch which the judge ordered brought into the courtroom.

Effort on the part of his counsel to have the case postponed proved unavailing, Judge Mitchell having been told by physicians that Rawlings was able to stand trial.

Drs. B. S. Burton and W. E. Rouse, who have been treating the prisoner in the jail, were called to the stand for the purpose of testifying to the physical condition of the man, and both of them testified in their examinations they found him suffering from a trouble that was quite painful at times, but that they considered him able to stand the trial. Both physicians swore that they failed to find any disease of any vital organ, and that in their opinion he was as able as he would be at any time to go to trial.

The elder Rawlings appears to be in a state bordering on nervous collapse, the conviction of his boys evidently weighing heavily on him.

### Plot Against Sultan Discovered.

Bucharest, Roumania, July 28.—A plot against the life of the sultan of Turkey has been discovered by authorities at Kuestenji. A search of houses occupied by Turks disclosed large quantities of revolvers, cartridges and compromising documents. The Roumanian officials subsequently discovered cases of rifles hidden in the hold of a Turkish steamer now at Kuestenji.

### Athlete Dies of Over Indulgence.

Chicago, July 29.—A Tribune dispatch from El Paso, Tex., says that a result of over-indulgence in alcohol while a student at Columbia university, Arthur T. Kerr, 22 years old, is here. In a cross-country run in February, Kerr being thinly clad, contracted a cold which developed into tuberculosis. He was graduated from Columbia in 1904.